

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A job processing system comprising a terminal equipment for issuing a job request by handling a plurality of documents as one job, and a job scheduling device which sequentially processes jobs by storing the jobs, received from the terminal equipment through a network, in a queue and sending a job execution section a processing request relating to a document specified by the job stored in the queue,

said terminal equipment comprising:

attribute information adding means for adding information which specifies a job output method to a job request as attribute information of the job, and

said job scheduling device comprising:

attribute information setting means for acquiring attribute information included in the received job and sets the attribute information to information which specifies a job and a document;

a queue for storing, as a job, a group of items of the information which specify a job and a document, the information including a job copy number count which specifies a number of copies of the current job; and

output result control means which, upon reference to the information items which specify a job and a document with respect to the job stored in the queue, controls the processing request issued to the job execution section in such a way that the specified number of copies of the job are output using the information which specifies a job output method.

2. (Previously Presented) A job processing system comprising a terminal equipment for issuing a job request by handling a plurality of documents as one job, and a job scheduling device which sequentially processes jobs by storing the jobs, received from the

terminal equipment through a network, in a queue and sending a job execution section a processing request relating to a document specified by the job stored in the queue,

said terminal equipment comprising:

attribute information adding means for adding information relating to the number of copies of the job and information relating to a job output result to the job request as job attribute information, and

said job scheduling device comprising:

attribute information setting means for acquiring attribute information included in the received job and sets the attribute information to information which specifies a job and a document;

a queue for storing, as a job, a group of items of the information which specify a job and a document, the information including a job copy number count which specifies a number of copies of the current job; and

output result control means which, upon reference to the information for specifying a job and a document with respect to the job stored in the queue, controls the processing request issued to the job execution section in such a way that the specified number of copies of the job are only output in a collated manner if collation processing is specified in the information relating to a job output result using the information which specifies a job and a document, or in such a way that the specified number of copies of the job are only output in an uncollated manner if uncollation processing is specified in the information relating to the job output result using the information which specifies a job and a document.

3. (Previously Presented) A job processing system comprising a terminal equipment for issuing a processing request by handling a plurality of documents as one job, a job execution section for printing the documents, and a job scheduling device which accepts a

document input from the terminal equipment through a network and issues a processing request relating to that document to the job execution section,

said terminal equipment comprising:

control information specifying means for specifying a processing start wait for a leading document among the plurality of documents, and

said job scheduling device comprising:

preparation means for preparing information which specifies a received document;

queuing means for storing the prepared information which specifies the document by associating the information on a job-by-job basis;

control information setting means which, if a processing start wait is specified for the leading document among a plurality of received documents, sets the processing start wait to information for specifying the leading document; and

control state setting means which, if the processing start wait is set to information which specifies the leading document of the job stored in said queuing means, renders that job in a processing start wait state,

wherein said job scheduling device sequentially retrieves jobs stored in said queuing means when the job execution section becomes enabled to accept processing, issues a processing request for a corresponding document when there is information specifying a document to which a processing request can be issued, and when a job is placed in the processing start wait state, prevents the issue of processing requests with respect to a document for that job and documents for subsequent jobs until that job is released from the processing start wait state by a user's instruction or a timeout.

4. (Previously Presented) A job processing system comprising a terminal equipment for issuing a processing request for handling a plurality of documents as one job, a

job execution section for printing the documents, and a job scheduling device which accepts a document input from the terminal equipment through a network and issues a processing request relating to that document to the job execution section,

said terminal equipment comprising:

control information specifying means for specifying a processing completion wait for a leading document among the plurality of documents, and

said job scheduling device comprising:

preparation means for preparing information which specifies a received document;

queuing means for storing the prepared information which specifies the document by associating the information on a job-by-job basis;

control information setting means which, if a processing completion wait is specified for the leading document among a plurality of received documents, sets the processing completion wait to information for specifying the leading document; and

control state setting means which, if the processing completion wait is set to information which specifies the leading document of the job stored in said queuing means, renders that job in a processing completion wait state,

wherein said job scheduling device sequentially retrieves jobs stored in said queuing means when the job execution section becomes enabled to accept processing, issues a processing request for a corresponding document when there is information specifying a document to which a processing request can be issued, and when a job is placed in the processing completion wait state, prevents the issue of processing requests with respect to a document for that job and documents for subsequent jobs until that job is released from the processing completion wait state by a user's instruction or a timeout.

5. (Previously Presented) A job processing system comprising a terminal equipment for issuing a processing request by handling a plurality of documents as one job, a job execution section for printing the documents, and a job scheduling device which accepts a document input from the terminal equipment through a network and issues a processing request relating to that document to the job execution section,

said terminal equipment comprising:

control information setting means for specifying a password input wait for a leading document among the plurality of documents, and

said job scheduling device comprising:

preparation means for preparing information which specifies a received document;

queuing means for storing the information which specifies the document by associating the information on a job-by-job basis;

control information setting means which, if a password input wait is set for the leading document among a plurality of received documents, sets the password input wait to information which specifies that leading document; and

control state setting means which, if the password input wait state is set to information which specifies the leading document of the job stored in the queuing means, renders that job in a password input wait state,

wherein said job scheduling device sequentially retrieves jobs stored in said queuing means when the job execution section becomes enabled to accept processing, issues a processing request for a corresponding document when there is information specifying a document to which a processing request can be issued, when a job is placed in the password input wait state, prevents the issue of processing requests with respect to a document of that

job and documents of subsequent jobs until that job is released from the password input wait state by a user's instruction or a timeout.

6. (Previously Presented) A job processing system comprising a terminal equipment for issuing a processing request, and a job scheduling device which sequentially processes jobs by storing the jobs received from the terminal equipment in a queue and issuing a processing request, relating to a document specified by the job stored in the queue, to a job execution section,

said terminal equipment comprising:

attribute information adding means for adding information relating to job wait control and message information relating to the wait control to the job request as attribute information, and

said scheduling device comprising:

job information preparing means for preparing job information which specifies a received job;

attribute information setting means for setting attribute information included in the received job in the job information;

a queue for storing the prepared job information in order;

control state setting means which, if wait control is set to the job information stored in said queue, renders a job associated with that job information in a wait control state when processing of that job is started or completed; and

message information informing means which, when the job enters the wait control state, informs said terminal equipment of message information set with respect to that job.

7-31. (Canceled)